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COUNTERFEITS

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SOME COUNTERFEITS IN RELIGION

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I. Three Propositions:

- Worthless things are never counterfeited. **CHURCH IS NOT WORTHLESS**
- Counterfeit argues the existence of the genuine. **TRADING ON A GOOD NAME.** (A300 B.11)
- Closer the imitation, the greater the danger. **KEEP PEOPLE FROM THE CHURCH.**

II. Satan has given the world these counterfeits.

A. Counterfeit God.

- Turned from God to idols. 1 Thess. 1:9
- Son of perdition—as God. 2 Thess. 2:3-4
- Love not the truth—strong delusion. 2 Thess. 2:9-12
- Coins, stamps, ambassadors.

B. Counterfeit Christs.

- Many false Christs will arise. Matt. 24:24
- Will lead many astray. Mark 13:22
- Father Divine. David Corresh. moon.

C. Counterfeit spirits.

- Believe not, but prove. 1 John 4:1
- Some will give heed to them. 1 Tim. 4:1
- Seduced, fascinated, attracted.

D. Counterfeit angels.

- Satan transformed into angel of light. 2 Cor. 11:14
- A king the angel of the abyss. Rev. 9:11
- Satan has his angels. Rev. 12:9 messengers
- Suit, tie, and a Bible. in his hand,

E. Counterfeit apostles.

- False apostles, deceitful workers. 2 Cor. 11:13
- Some call themselves apostles, but they are not. Rev. 2:2 In Ephesus
- Some have apostles, today (Why?) Mormon Church.

F. Counterfeit brethren.

- Taught false doctrine—therefore false. Acts 15:1
- Trouble with words, subverting souls. Acts 15:24

G. Counterfeit teachers.

- Must stay with doctrine of Christ. 1 Tim. 6:3-5
- Teachers for money. Tit. 1:10
- Speaking lies in hypocrisy. 1 Tim. 4:1-2
- Time will come when sound doctrine not be endured. 2 Tim. 4:3-4

H. Counterfeit prophets.

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- False prophets in sheep's clothing. Matt. 7:15
- Shall arise and deceive many. Matt. 24:11
- Have been and will be false prophets. 2 Pet. 2:1
- Beware when all seems well. Luke 6:26
- If it doesn't come to pass—then prophet is false. Deut. 18:22
- Why not predict Hurricanes? Tornadoes

way to test a prophet?

I. Counterfeit gospels.

- Would pervert the gospel of Christ. Gal. 1:6-9
- Pervert—to turn from right—opposite of convert. turn to truth

J. Counterfeit miracles.

- All power and signs and lying wonders. 2 Thess. 2:9
- Generally produce unclean things. Rev. 16:13
- Why not cure aids?

K. Counterfeit churches.

- Only Christ has the preeminence. Col. 1:18
- A synagogue of Satan. Rev. 2:9
- Can't be half-way. Rev. 3:16 ~~NEW~~ OUT
- Need to come out of them. Rev. 18:4
- One has one head many bodies; Another has two heads and one body.

L. Counterfeit baptisms.

- There is one baptism. Eph. 4:5
- Christenings equal baptism minus faith. Sprinkling Pouring
- Faith only saved before, that is, without baptism.
- Teach baptism not for salvation. Cannot successfully ignore what is taught in New Testament.

M. Counterfeit names.

- Must suffer as a CHRISTIAN 1 Pet. 4:16
- Many named for men; hyphenated; Prefix and Suffix. DAY

N. Counterfeit worship.

- Not in spirit or truth. John 4:24
- Right thing for the right purpose.

Conclusion:

- Since there are counterfeits, we must be very careful not to be deceived by these.
- We must, instead, determine that which is truth and obey it. Heb 5:9.

"Counterfeit - made in imitation of something else, with a view to defraud; a forgery; to imitate, esp. for deceiving" (Webster)